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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 September 2005 and 25 November 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 and 13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 and 13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This communication is responsive to Amendment filed 09/23/2005.
2. Claims 1-9 and 13 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 6, and 8-9 are independent claims. In Amendment, claims 10-12 are cancelled. This Office Action is made non-final after a RCE filed 11/25/2005.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-6, 8-9, and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Nakazawa (J.P. 07-141325).

Re claim 1, Nakazawa discloses in Figures 1 and 5-6 a parallel arithmetic apparatus (Figure 1 wherein each of FMACs {11 & 21}, {12 & 22}, {13 & 23}, {14 & 24} processes in parallel relative to each other) comprising a plurality of pair of devices (e.g. 11 with 21 as a pair of devices), each pair of devices including recording means (e.g. 11-14) for recording arithmetic elements (e.g. Aa and Ab from 10 to each of 11-14) to be operated and operating means (e.g. 21-24) for performing sum-of-products operations (e.g. 21 sum is done by 21B and product is done by 21A) on the arithmetic elements

recorded in the recording means (e.g. wherein operands of 21 are fed from 11), selecting means (e.g. 30a and 30b) for inputting arithmetic elements recorded in the recording means (e.g. input to mux are from 11-14) to the operating means (e.g. 21-24) of the selected pair of devices to the operating means of the selected pair of devices, the selecting means (e.g. Figure 1 30a and 30b) being inserted only between the recording means and the operating means in a first pair of devices (e.g. first pair of devices 11) and not between the recording means and the operating means in any other pair of devices (e.g. other pair of devices the mux is set to select only the input from the respectively recording means or removing the mux).

Re claim 2, Nakazawa further discloses in Figures 1 and 5-6 temporary recording means (e.g. a portion of 11-14 wherein the feedback from accumulators 21B-24B to 11-14 with label C) inserted between the recording means and the operating means in a second pair of devices different from the first pair of devices for temporarily recording mathematical elements recorded in the recording means of a pair of devices and selecting means (e.g. 30a and 30b) is constructed in such a way as to input the arithmetic elements recorded in temporary recording means to operating means of the second pair of devices when the second pair of devices is the selected pair of devices (e.g. these mux are capable to input any of a or b from 11-14 into 21 as input operands).

Re claim 3, Nakazawa further discloses in Figures 1 and 5-6 the recording means of each pair of devices records, a first arithmetic element to be subjected to matrix operation, and a second arithmetic element to be subjected to inner product operation (Figure 1 is capable of performing matrix and vector operations, any input element would

be either matrix element or the vector element), selecting means (e.g. 30a & 30b and 51ab-54ab) is adapted, during matrix operation (e.g. 51ab-54ab takes directly from 11-14), in such a way as to input first arithmetic element from the recording means of the own pair of devices to the operating means of the own pair of devices and, during inner product operation (e.g. 52ab-54ab takes directly from 12-14 and 51ab takes inputs from 30a-30b), to select recording means of all pair of devices one by one in a round-robin fashion and input second arithmetic element from the selected recording means to the operating means of the selected pair of devices (e.g. 12 to 22).

Re claim 4, Nakazawa further discloses in Figures 1-2 and 5-6 each of operating means in the pair of devices performs an operation with a content independently assigned to the pair of devices using arithmetic elements recorded in the recording means of pair of devices (e.g. each of registers 11-14 have their own pair of devices of data as seen in Figure 2).

Re claim 5, Nakazawa further discloses in Figures 1 and 5-6 an operation is an operation associated with any one of four-dimensional coordinate components (Figure 6 with column as dimensions).

Re claim 6, Nakazawa discloses in Figures 1 and 5-6 a parallel arithmetic (Figure 1 wherein each of FMACs {11 & 21}, {12 & 22}, {13 & 23}, {14 & 24} processes in parallel relative to each other) apparatus that selectively performs a matrix operation (Figure 6a) and vector inner product operation (Figure 6b), comprising: a plurality of recording means (11-14) for recording, during matrix operation, a first arithmetic element (e.g. output from 10 into 11 as Ab) to be subjected to matrix operation and recording,

during inner product operation, a second arithmetic element (e.g. output from 10 into 11 as Aa) to be subjected to inner product operation; a plurality of operating means (e.g. 21-24) forming a one-to-one correspondence with plurality of recording means (e.g. 11-14) for performing during matrix operation, a sum-of-products operation (e.g. 21-24) by each operating means inputting first mathematical element recorded in the correspondent recording means, and performing during inner product operation, a sum-of-products operation by predetermined one of the operating means inputting second arithmetic element recorded in all the recording means (e.g. using mux); and selecting means (e.g. 30ab and 51ab-54ab) for selecting, during matrix operation (all mux 51ab-54ab are active), a first recording means corresponding to predetermined operating means and inputting a first arithmetic element recorded in the first recording means in predetermined operating means, and selecting, during inner product operation (e.g. mux 30ab active to 21), plurality of recording means one by one in a round-robin fashion (e.g. Figure 6) and inputting a second arithmetic element recorded in the selected recording means in predetermined operating means, the selecting means (e.g. Figure 1 30a and 30b) being inserted only between the recording means and the operating means in a first pair of devices (e.g. first pair of devices 11) and not between the recording means and the operating means in any other pair of devices (e.g. other pair of devices the mux is set to select only the input from the respectively recording means or removing the mux).

Re claim 8, it is an apparatus claim of claim 6 wherein Nakazawa further discloses in Figures 1 and 5-6 the recoding means, selecting means, and operating means are registers, selector, and sum of product respectively (e.g. 11, 30a, and 21 respectively).

Thus, claim 8 is also rejected under the same rationale as cited in the rejection of rejected claim 6.

Re claim 9, it is an apparatus claim of claim 8 wherein Nakazawa further discloses in Figures 2 and 6 the arithmetic elements are the coordinate values (Figures 2 and 6). Thus, claim 9 is also rejected under the same rationale as cited in the rejection of rejected claim 8.

Re claim 13, Nakazawa further discloses in Figures 1-2 and 6 the first pair of devices is the selected pair of devices (e.g. by Figure 1 part 30a and 30b).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Nakazawa (J.P. 07-141325).

Re claim 7, Nakazawa further discloses in Figures 1 and 5-6 the first and second arithmetic elements are expressed with a number and the plurality of operating means are constructed so as to perform a sum-of-products operation of the number (e.g. 21 with multiplication 21A and accumulation 21B). Nakazawa does not disclose the number is floating-point. However, the examiner takes an official notice that MAC operation in floating-point is well known in the art. Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person

having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention is made to add the number as floating-point as well known into Nakazawa's invention because it would enable to simplify and improve accuracy of system in many applications.

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments filed 09/23/2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

a. The applicant argues in pages 8-9 for all independent claims that the cited reference by Nakazawa does not disclose the feature of the selecting means being inserted only between the recording means and the operating means in a first pair of devices and not between the recording means and the operating means in any other pair of devices as cited in the claims.

The examiner respectfully submits in addition to the rejection above that the difference between the prior art and the claimed invention is additional multiplexers (e.g. 52ab-54ab). These multiplexers are used to add the flexibility to the circuit for selecting the input. Clearly the claimed invention is an scenario of the prior art circuit wherein the mux is removed and the input signal is fed directly into the operational means which is equivalent to pre-set mux to select only the signal from the recording means.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chat C. Do whose telephone number is (571) 272-3721. The examiner can normally be reached on M => F from 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chaki Kakali can be reached on (571) 272-3719. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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